TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



SB 3003 - HB 3428

April 12, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015912): Deletes the amendatory language of Section 2 of the original bill. States the failure to pay the \$50 administrative fee by persons who are appointed counsel in termination of parental rights cases shall not reduce or in any way affect the rendering of services by court-appointed counsel. Failure to pay the fee may be considered by the court as an enhancement factor when imposing sentence and can be used as evidence of the defendant's lack of financial responsibility in a determination of the best interest of the child.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue - \$22,700

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption applied to amendment:

• For the period FY06-FY09, there has been an average of 454 cases that would be assessed the \$50 administrative fee as a result of this bill. The recurring increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$22,700 (\$50 x 454 cases).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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